

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2742**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nava  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Jones)**

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An act to amend Sections 14132 and 14503 of, and to add Section 14501.5 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to family planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2742, as introduced, Nava. Family planning: Medi-Cal: Family PACT program.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits, including family planning benefits. Family planning benefits under the Medi-Cal program are administered by the Office of Family Planning within the department. Existing law imposes specified duties on the Office of Family Planning with respect to the administration of these benefits.

Existing law establishes a federally approved Medi-Cal waiver program, known as the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) program, administered by the Office of Family Planning, under which eligible individuals may receive specified family planning benefits.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding family planning services in California. The bill would require that family planning services and practice standards applicable to the Medi-Cal program be identical to those required pursuant to the Family PACT program.

The bill would require the Office of Family Planning to establish standards and policies for clinical practice, quality assurance, and evaluation of the provision of family planning services for all state funded or administered family planning programs, including Medi-Cal family planning and the Family PACT program, and would impose additional responsibilities on the office regarding the administration of family planning benefits.

Existing law allows the department to contract with managed care plans for the provision of services under the Medi-Cal program, and allows for payment to these plans on a capitated basis.

This bill would require that reimbursement for family planning services, drugs, and supplies be on a fee-for-service basis for all providers, except as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Family planning services are essential to the well-being of
- 4 California women and their families.
- 5 (b) The poverty status of women is closely linked to
- 6 unintended pregnancy.
- 7 (c) Family planning is a preventive health care service that can
- 8 meet its goals of reducing unintended pregnancy only through a
- 9 public health model that embraces maximum utilization.
- 10 (d) The 2005 Evaluation of the Family PACT program found
- 11 the following:
- 12 (1) The Family PACT program averted more than 200,000
- 13 unintended pregnancies in 2002.
- 14 (2) Billions of dollars in cost savings to the state are
- 15 attributable to the Family PACT program's impact on the number
- 16 of unintended pregnancies in California.
- 17 (3) In addition to these savings, the Family PACT program
- 18 saved \$7.1 to \$10 million in medical costs through its provision
- 19 of chlamydia testing and treatment services.
- 20 (4) Annual cervical cancer screening in the Family PACT
- 21 program averted almost 10,000 lifetime cases of cervical cancer,

1 with most averted cases occurring among women younger than  
2 30 years of age.

3 (5) The Family PACT program is credited with increasing by  
4 16 percent the met need for family planning services of women.  
5 However, California is still faced with an unmet need of 43  
6 percent.

7 (e) Recognition of the cost of unintended pregnancies, in  
8 human terms, societal costs, and government expenditures, has  
9 compelled the federal government to cover 90 cents for every  
10 dollar spent for Medi-Cal and Family PACT services to create  
11 incentives for state-administered family planning programs and  
12 to ensure the availability of services.

13 (f) Both the federal and state governments have recognized the  
14 importance of confidentiality and a high trust factor in the  
15 patient-provider relationship for these particularly sensitive  
16 services by requiring that individuals have freedom of choice in  
17 selecting their family planning providers.

18 (g) Maintaining two separate and distinct family planning  
19 programs with differing rules, billing codes, and benefits is costly  
20 and creates confusion for beneficiaries, providers, and  
21 administrators of the programs.

22 SEC. 2. Section 14132 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is  
23 amended to read:

24 14132. The following is the schedule of benefits under this  
25 chapter:

26 (a) Outpatient services are covered as follows:

27 Physician, hospital or clinic outpatient, surgical center,  
28 respiratory care, optometric, chiropractic, psychology, podiatric,  
29 occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy,  
30 audiology, acupuncture to the extent federal matching funds are  
31 provided for acupuncture, and services of persons rendering  
32 treatment by prayer or healing by spiritual means in the practice  
33 of any church or religious denomination insofar as these can be  
34 encompassed by federal participation under an approved plan,  
35 subject to utilization controls.

36 (b) Inpatient hospital services, including, but not limited to,  
37 physician and podiatric services, physical therapy and  
38 occupational therapy, are covered subject to utilization controls.

39 (c) Nursing facility services, subacute care services, and  
40 services provided by any category of intermediate care facility

1 for the developmentally disabled, including podiatry, physician,  
2 nurse practitioner services, and prescribed drugs, as described in  
3 subdivision (d), are covered subject to utilization controls.  
4 Respiratory care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech  
5 therapy, and audiology services for patients in nursing facilities  
6 and any category of intermediate care facility for the  
7 developmentally disabled are covered subject to utilization  
8 controls.

9 (d) Purchase of prescribed drugs is covered subject to the  
10 Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs and utilization controls.

11 (e) Outpatient dialysis services and home hemodialysis  
12 services, including physician services, medical supplies, drugs  
13 and equipment required for dialysis, are covered, subject to  
14 utilization controls.

15 (f) Anesthesiologist services when provided as part of an  
16 outpatient medical procedure, nurse anesthetist services when  
17 rendered in an inpatient or outpatient setting under conditions set  
18 forth by the director, outpatient laboratory services, and X-ray  
19 services are covered, subject to utilization controls. Nothing in  
20 this subdivision shall be construed to require prior authorization  
21 for anesthesiologist services provided as part of an outpatient  
22 medical procedure or for portable X-ray services in a nursing  
23 facility or any category of intermediate care facility for the  
24 developmentally disabled.

25 (g) Blood and blood derivatives are covered.

26 (h) (1) Emergency and essential diagnostic and restorative  
27 dental services, except for orthodontic, fixed bridgework, and  
28 partial dentures that are not necessary for balance of a complete  
29 artificial denture, are covered, subject to utilization controls. The  
30 utilization controls shall allow emergency and essential  
31 diagnostic and restorative dental services and prostheses that are  
32 necessary to prevent a significant disability or to replace  
33 previously furnished prostheses which are lost or destroyed due  
34 to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control.  
35 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the director may by regulation  
36 provide for certain fixed artificial dentures necessary for  
37 obtaining employment or for medical conditions that preclude the  
38 use of removable dental prostheses, and for orthodontic services  
39 in cleft palate deformities administered by the department's  
40 California Children Services Program.

1 (2) For persons 21 years of age or older, the services specified  
2 in paragraph (1) shall be provided subject to the following  
3 conditions:

4 (A) Periodontal treatment is not a benefit.

5 (B) Endodontic therapy is not a benefit except for vital  
6 pulpotomy.

7 (C) Laboratory processed crowns are not a benefit.

8 (D) Removable prosthetics shall be a benefit only for patients  
9 as a requirement for employment.

10 (E) The director may, by regulation, provide for the provision  
11 of fixed artificial dentures that are necessary for medical  
12 conditions that preclude the use of removable dental prostheses.

13 (F) Notwithstanding the conditions specified in subparagraphs  
14 (A) to (E), inclusive, the department may approve services for  
15 persons with special medical disorders subject to utilization  
16 review.

17 (3) Paragraph (2) shall become inoperative July 1, 1995.

18 (i) Medical transportation is covered, subject to utilization  
19 controls.

20 (j) Home health care services are covered, subject to  
21 utilization controls.

22 (k) Prosthetic and orthotic devices and eyeglasses are covered,  
23 subject to utilization controls. Utilization controls shall allow  
24 replacement of prosthetic and orthotic devices and eyeglasses  
25 necessary because of loss or destruction due to circumstances  
26 beyond the beneficiary's control. Frame styles for eyeglasses  
27 replaced pursuant to this subdivision shall not change more than  
28 once every two years, unless the department so directs.

29 Orthopedic and conventional shoes are covered when provided  
30 by a prosthetic and orthotic supplier on the prescription of a  
31 physician and when at least one of the shoes will be attached to a  
32 prosthesis or brace, subject to utilization controls. Modification  
33 of stock conventional or orthopedic shoes when medically  
34 indicated, is covered subject to utilization controls. When there is  
35 a clearly established medical need that cannot be satisfied by the  
36 modification of stock conventional or orthopedic shoes,  
37 custom-made orthopedic shoes are covered, subject to utilization  
38 controls.

39 Therapeutic shoes and inserts are covered when provided to  
40 beneficiaries with a diagnosis of diabetes, subject to utilization

1 controls, to the extent that federal financial participation is  
2 available.

3 (l) Hearing aids are covered, subject to utilization controls.  
4 Utilization controls shall allow replacement of hearing aids  
5 necessary because of loss or destruction due to circumstances  
6 beyond the beneficiary's control.

7 (m) Durable medical equipment and medical supplies are  
8 covered, subject to utilization controls. The utilization controls  
9 shall allow the replacement of durable medical equipment and  
10 medical supplies when necessary because of loss or destruction  
11 due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control. The  
12 utilization controls shall allow authorization of durable medical  
13 equipment needed to assist a disabled beneficiary in caring for a  
14 child for whom the disabled beneficiary is a parent, stepparent,  
15 foster parent, or legal guardian, subject to the availability of  
16 federal financial participation. The department shall adopt  
17 emergency regulations to define and establish criteria for  
18 assistive durable medical equipment in accordance with the  
19 rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act  
20 (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of  
21 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

22 (n) Family planning services are covered, subject to utilization  
23 controls. *Family planning services and practice standards shall*  
24 *be identical to those required pursuant to the Family Planning,*  
25 *Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Waiver Program*  
26 *described in paragraph (8) of subdivision (aa).*

27 (o) Inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital services,  
28 including respiratory rehabilitation services, in a general acute  
29 care hospital are covered, subject to utilization controls, when  
30 either of the following criteria are met:

31 (1) A patient with a permanent disability or severe impairment  
32 requires an inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital program as  
33 described in Section 14064 to develop function beyond the  
34 limited amount that would occur in the normal course of  
35 recovery.

36 (2) A patient with a chronic or progressive disease requires an  
37 inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital program as described in  
38 Section 14064 to maintain the patient's present functional level  
39 as long as possible.

1 (p) Adult day health care is covered in accordance with  
2 Chapter 8.7 (commencing with Section 14520).

3 (q) (1) Application of fluoride, or other appropriate fluoride  
4 treatment as defined by the department, other prophylaxis  
5 treatment for children 17 years of age and under, are covered.

6 (2) All dental hygiene services provided by a registered dental  
7 hygienist in alternative practice pursuant to Sections 1768 and  
8 1770 of the Business and Professions Code may be covered as  
9 long as they are within the scope of Denti-Cal benefits and they  
10 are necessary services provided by a registered dental hygienist  
11 in alternative practice.

12 (r) (1) Paramedic services performed by a city, county, or  
13 special district, or pursuant to a contract with a city, county, or  
14 special district, and pursuant to a program established under  
15 Article 3 (commencing with Section 1480) of Chapter 2.5 of  
16 Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code by a paramedic  
17 certified pursuant to that article, and consisting of defibrillation  
18 and those services specified in subdivision (3) of Section 1482 of  
19 the article.

20 (2) All providers enrolled under this subdivision shall satisfy  
21 all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for becoming  
22 a Medi-Cal provider.

23 (3) This subdivision shall be implemented only to the extent  
24 funding is available under Section 14106.6.

25 (s) In-home medical care services are covered when medically  
26 appropriate and subject to utilization controls, for beneficiaries  
27 who would otherwise require care for an extended period of time  
28 in an acute care hospital at a cost higher than in-home medical  
29 care services. The director shall have the authority under this  
30 section to contract with organizations qualified to provide  
31 in-home medical care services to those persons. These services  
32 may be provided to patients placed in shared or congregate living  
33 arrangements, if a home setting is not medically appropriate or  
34 available to the beneficiary. As used in this section, "in-home  
35 medical care service" includes utility bills directly attributable to  
36 continuous, 24-hour operation of life-sustaining medical  
37 equipment, to the extent that federal financial participation is  
38 available.

39 As used in this subdivision, in-home medical care services,  
40 include, but are not limited to:

- 1 (1) Level of care and cost of care evaluations.
- 2 (2) Expenses, directly attributable to home care activities, for
- 3 materials.
- 4 (3) Physician fees for home visits.
- 5 (4) Expenses directly attributable to home care activities for
- 6 shelter and modification to shelter.
- 7 (5) Expenses directly attributable to additional costs of special
- 8 diets, including tube feeding.
- 9 (6) Medically related personal services.
- 10 (7) Home nursing education.
- 11 (8) Emergency maintenance repair.
- 12 (9) Home health agency personnel benefits which permit
- 13 coverage of care during periods when regular personnel are on
- 14 vacation or using sick leave.
- 15 (10) All services needed to maintain antiseptic conditions at
- 16 stoma or shunt sites on the body.
- 17 (11) Emergency and nonemergency medical transportation.
- 18 (12) Medical supplies.
- 19 (13) Medical equipment, including, but not limited to, scales,
- 20 gurneys, and equipment racks suitable for paralyzed patients.
- 21 (14) Utility use directly attributable to the requirements of
- 22 home care activities which are in addition to normal utility use.
- 23 (15) Special drugs and medications.
- 24 (16) Home health agency supervision of visiting staff which is
- 25 medically necessary, but not included in the home health agency
- 26 rate.
- 27 (17) Therapy services.
- 28 (18) Household appliances and household utensil costs
- 29 directly attributable to home care activities.
- 30 (19) Modification of medical equipment for home use.
- 31 (20) Training and orientation for use of life-support systems,
- 32 including, but not limited to, support of respiratory functions.
- 33 (21) Respiratory care practitioner services as defined in
- 34 Sections 3702 and 3703 of the Business and Professions Code,
- 35 subject to prescription by a physician and surgeon.
- 36 Beneficiaries receiving in-home medical care services are
- 37 entitled to the full range of services within the Medi-Cal scope of
- 38 benefits as defined by this section, subject to medical necessity
- 39 and applicable utilization control. Services provided pursuant to
- 40 this subdivision, which are not otherwise included in the



1 Medi-Cal schedule of benefits, shall be available only to the  
2 extent that federal financial participation for these services is  
3 available in accordance with a home- and community-based  
4 services waiver.

5 (t) Home- and community-based services approved by the  
6 United States Department of Health and Human Services may be  
7 covered to the extent that federal financial participation is  
8 available for those services under waivers granted in accordance  
9 with Section 1396n of Title 42 of the United States Code. The  
10 director may seek waivers for any or all home- and  
11 community-based services approvable under Section 1396n of  
12 Title 42 of the United States Code. Coverage for those services  
13 shall be limited by the terms, conditions, and duration of the  
14 federal waivers.

15 (u) Comprehensive perinatal services, as provided through an  
16 agreement with a health care provider designated in Section  
17 14134.5 and meeting the standards developed by the department  
18 pursuant to Section 14134.5, subject to utilization controls.

19 The department shall seek any federal waivers necessary to  
20 implement the provisions of this subdivision. The provisions for  
21 which appropriate federal waivers cannot be obtained shall not be  
22 implemented. Provisions for which waivers are obtained or for  
23 which waivers are not required shall be implemented  
24 notwithstanding any inability to obtain federal waivers for the  
25 other provisions. No provision of this subdivision shall be  
26 implemented unless matching funds from Subchapter XIX  
27 (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the  
28 United States Code are available.

29 (v) Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment for  
30 any individual under 21 years of age is covered, consistent with  
31 the requirements of Subchapter XIX (commencing with Section  
32 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

33 (w) Hospice service which is Medicare-certified hospice  
34 service is covered, subject to utilization controls. Coverage shall  
35 be available only to the extent that no additional net program  
36 costs are incurred.

37 (x) When a claim for treatment provided to a beneficiary  
38 includes both services which are authorized and reimbursable  
39 under this chapter, and services which are not reimbursable under  
40 this chapter, that portion of the claim for the treatment and

1 services authorized and reimbursable under this chapter shall be  
2 payable.

3 (y) Home- and community-based services approved by the  
4 United States Department of Health and Human Services for  
5 beneficiaries with a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC, who require  
6 intermediate care or a higher level of care.

7 Services provided pursuant to a waiver obtained from the  
8 Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human  
9 Services pursuant to this subdivision, and which are not  
10 otherwise included in the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits, shall be  
11 available only to the extent that federal financial participation for  
12 these services is available in accordance with the waiver, and  
13 subject to the terms, conditions, and duration of the waiver.  
14 These services shall be provided to individual beneficiaries in  
15 accordance with the client's needs as identified in the plan of  
16 care, and subject to medical necessity and applicable utilization  
17 control.

18 The director may under this section contract with organizations  
19 qualified to provide, directly or by subcontract, services provided  
20 for in this subdivision to eligible beneficiaries. Contracts or  
21 agreements entered into pursuant to this division shall not be  
22 subject to the Public Contract Code.

23 (z) Respiratory care when provided in organized health care  
24 systems as defined in Section 3701 of the Business and  
25 Professions Code, and as an in-home medical service as outlined  
26 in subdivision (s).

27 (aa) (1) There is hereby established in the department, a  
28 program to provide comprehensive clinical family planning  
29 services to any person who has a family income at or below 200  
30 percent of the federal poverty level, as revised annually, and who  
31 is eligible to receive these services pursuant to the waiver  
32 identified in paragraph (2). This program shall be known as the  
33 Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT)  
34 Waiver Program.

35 (2) The department shall seek a waiver for a program to  
36 provide comprehensive clinical family planning services as  
37 described in paragraph (8). The program shall be operated only in  
38 accordance with the waiver and the statutes and regulations in  
39 paragraph (4) and subject to the terms, conditions, and duration  
40 of the waiver. The services shall be provided under the program

1 only if the waiver is approved by the federal Centers for  
2 Medicare and Medicaid Services in accordance with Section  
3 1396n of Title 42 of the United States Code and only to the  
4 extent that federal financial participation is available for the  
5 services.

6 (3) Solely for the purposes of the waiver and notwithstanding  
7 any other provision of law, the collection and use of an  
8 individual's social security number shall be necessary only to the  
9 extent required by federal law.

10 (4) Sections 14105.3 to 14105.39, inclusive, 14107.11, 24005,  
11 and 24013, and any regulations adopted under these statutes shall  
12 apply to the program provided for under this subdivision. No  
13 other provision of law under the Medi-Cal program or the  
14 State-Only Family Planning Program shall apply to the program  
15 provided for under this subdivision.

16 (5) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section  
17 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
18 Code, the department may implement, without taking regulatory  
19 action, the provisions of the waiver after its approval by the  
20 federal Health Care Financing Administration and the provisions  
21 of this section by means of an all-county letter or similar  
22 instruction to providers. Thereafter, the department shall adopt  
23 regulations to implement this section and the approved waiver in  
24 accordance with the requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing  
25 with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the  
26 Government Code. Beginning six months after the effective date  
27 of the act adding this subdivision, the department shall provide a  
28 status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until  
29 regulations have been adopted.

30 (6) In the event that the Department of Finance determines that  
31 the program operated under the authority of the waiver described  
32 in paragraph (2) is no longer cost-effective, this subdivision shall  
33 become inoperative on the first day of the first month following  
34 the issuance of a 30-day notification of that determination in  
35 writing by the Department of Finance to the chairperson in each  
36 house that considers appropriations, the chairpersons of the  
37 committees, and the appropriate subcommittees in each house  
38 that considers the State Budget, and the Chairperson of the Joint  
39 Legislative Budget Committee.

1 (7) If this subdivision ceases to be operative, all persons who  
2 have received or are eligible to receive comprehensive clinical  
3 family planning services pursuant to the waiver described in  
4 paragraph (2) shall receive family planning services under the  
5 Medi-Cal program pursuant to subdivision (n) if they are  
6 otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal with no share of cost, or shall  
7 receive comprehensive clinical family planning services under  
8 the program established in Division 24 (commencing with  
9 Section 24000) either if they are eligible for Medi-Cal with a  
10 share of cost or if they are otherwise eligible under Section  
11 24003.

12 (8) For purposes of this subdivision, “comprehensive clinical  
13 family planning services” means the process of establishing  
14 objectives for the number and spacing of children, and selecting  
15 the means by which those objectives may be achieved. These  
16 means include a broad range of acceptable and effective methods  
17 and services to limit or enhance fertility, including contraceptive  
18 methods, federal Food and Drug Administration approved  
19 contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies, natural family  
20 planning, abstinence methods, and basic, limited fertility  
21 management. Comprehensive clinical family planning services  
22 include, but are not limited to, preconception counseling,  
23 maternal and fetal health counseling, general reproductive health  
24 care, including diagnosis and treatment of infections and  
25 conditions, including cancer, that threaten reproductive  
26 capability, medical family planning treatment and procedures,  
27 including supplies and followup, and informational, counseling,  
28 and educational services. Comprehensive clinical family  
29 planning services shall not include abortion, pregnancy testing  
30 solely for the purposes of referral for abortion or services  
31 ancillary to abortions, or pregnancy care that is not incident to  
32 the diagnosis of pregnancy. Comprehensive clinical family  
33 planning services shall be subject to utilization control and  
34 include all of the following:

35 (A) Family planning related services and male and female  
36 sterilization. Family planning services for men and women shall  
37 include emergency services and services for complications  
38 directly related to the contraceptive method, federal Food and  
39 Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and

1 supplies, and followup, consultation, and referral services, as  
2 indicated, which may require treatment authorization requests.

3 (B) All United States Department of Agriculture, federal Food  
4 and Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices,  
5 and supplies that are in keeping with current standards of practice  
6 and from which the individual may choose.

7 (C) Culturally and linguistically appropriate health education  
8 and counseling services, including informed consent, that include  
9 all of the following:

10 (i) Psychosocial and medical aspects of contraception.

11 (ii) Sexuality.

12 (iii) Fertility.

13 (iv) Pregnancy.

14 (v) Parenthood.

15 (vi) Infertility.

16 (vii) Reproductive health care.

17 (viii) Preconception and nutrition counseling.

18 (ix) Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infection.

19 (x) Use of contraceptive methods, federal Food and Drug  
20 Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and  
21 supplies.

22 (xi) Possible contraceptive consequences and followup.

23 (xii) Interpersonal communication and negotiation of  
24 relationships to assist individuals and couples in effective  
25 contraceptive method use and planning families.

26 (D) A comprehensive health history, updated at next periodic  
27 visit (between 11 and 24 months after initial examination) that  
28 includes a complete obstetrical history, gynecological history,  
29 contraceptive history, personal medical history, health risk  
30 factors, and family health history, including genetic or hereditary  
31 conditions.

32 (E) A complete physical examination on initial and subsequent  
33 periodic visits.

34 (ab) Purchase of prescribed enteral formulae is covered,  
35 subject to the Medi-Cal list of enteral formulae and utilization  
36 controls.

37 (ac) Diabetic testing supplies are covered when provided by a  
38 pharmacy, subject to utilization controls.

39 SEC. 3. Section 14501.5 is added to the Welfare and  
40 Institutions Code, to read:

1 14501.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to maximize  
2 utilization of family planning services for qualified beneficiaries  
3 under the Medi-Cal and Family PACT programs, and to lower  
4 administrative costs by combining the operations of both  
5 programs into a single program based on a public health model  
6 that eliminates barriers to care.

7 (b) The Office of Family Planning shall establish standards  
8 and policies for clinical practice, quality assurance, and  
9 evaluation of the provision of family planning services for all  
10 state funded or administered family planning programs, including  
11 Medi-Cal family planning and the Family PACT waiver program  
12 described in subdivision (aa) of Section 14132. In addition to the  
13 responsibilities specified in Section 14501, the responsibilities of  
14 the Office of Family Planning shall include, but not be limited to,  
15 the following:

16 (1) To establish policies and standards for clinical practice in  
17 the provision of comprehensive clinical family planning services.

18 (2) To determine quality assurance and outcomes  
19 measurements.

20 (3) To design and implement evaluation tools to provide data  
21 that is useful in maximizing patient satisfaction, positive  
22 outcomes, and cost-effectiveness.

23 (4) To develop a provider manual that sets forth uniform  
24 instructions and guidelines for both Medi-Cal family planning  
25 providers and Family PACT providers.

26 (5) To create methods and standards for ensuring patient  
27 confidentiality.

28 (c) All family planning benefits, including services, drugs, and  
29 supplies, available to beneficiaries under the Medi-Cal and  
30 Family PACT programs shall be uniform and shall conform to  
31 the provisions of paragraph (8) of subdivision (aa) of Section  
32 14132.

33 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (e), reimbursement for  
34 services, drugs, and supplies shall be on a fee-for-service basis  
35 for all providers. Billing and reimbursement requirements for  
36 services shall be uniform and shall be administered by the fiscal  
37 intermediary for the Medi-Cal program. Billing codes for all  
38 Medi-Cal family planning services shall be identical to Family  
39 PACT program billing codes.

1 (e) If a beneficiary who is an enrollee in a Medi-Cal managed  
2 care plan chooses to seek services from within that plan, the plan  
3 may be paid on a capitated basis only when it has been  
4 authorized by the Office of Family Planning to be so paid. The  
5 Office of Family Planning shall not authorize payment on a  
6 capitated basis unless the plan demonstrates that it meets  
7 standards established by the office for access to comprehensive  
8 clinical family planning services, timeliness, and confidentiality.  
9 At a minimum, these standards shall require the plan to  
10 demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Office of Family Planning,  
11 each of the following:

12 (1) The plan has eliminated any barriers for enrollees to access  
13 comprehensive clinical family planning services in a timely  
14 manner, including, but not limited to, the provision of  
15 contraceptive care within five business days.

16 (2) The plan provides maximum confidentiality for the  
17 enrollees, including, but not limited to, ensuring that the enrollee  
18 is informed and understands the option of utilizing alternative  
19 means of contacting the enrollee regarding upcoming  
20 appointments, test results, explanation of benefits, and any other  
21 health related information communicated by the plan.

22 (3) The patient has the freedom to choose his or her medical  
23 practitioner and location for comprehensive clinical family  
24 planning services within the plan network.

25 (4) Emergency contraception will be dispensed to  
26 beneficiaries upon request, without a prescription, at all in-house  
27 and contracting pharmacies.

28 (f) A Medi-Cal managed care plan shall not restrict the choice  
29 of the enrollee regarding the provider from whom the enrollee  
30 may receive pregnancy-related services that are funded solely by  
31 the state, provided that the provider shall be a Medi-Cal provider.  
32 Notwithstanding subdivision (e), Medi-Cal pregnancy-related  
33 services funded solely by the state shall be reimbursed on a  
34 fee-for-service basis even if the beneficiary is enrolled in a  
35 Medi-Cal managed care plan approved for payment on a  
36 capitated basis pursuant to that subdivision.

37 (g) Medi-Cal and Family PACT family planning providers that  
38 dispense drugs and supplies, including community clinics  
39 licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1204 of the Health  
40 and Safety Code, shall be permitted to dispense all

1 comprehensive family planning drugs and supplies that they are  
2 licensed to dispense.

3 SEC. 4. Section 14503 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 14503. (a) Family planning services shall be offered to all  
6 former, current, or potential recipients of childbearing age (as  
7 provided by Public Law 92-603) and provided to all eligible  
8 individuals who voluntarily request the services. The services  
9 shall be offered and provided without regard to marital status,  
10 age, or parenthood. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,  
11 the furnishing of these family planning services shall not require  
12 the consent of anyone other than the person who is to receive  
13 them. Within the meaning of this section, the term “former,  
14 current, or potential recipient” means all persons eligible for  
15 Medi-Cal benefits under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section  
16 14000) and all persons eligible for public social services for  
17 which federal reimbursement is available under the federal Social  
18 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq.), except that the term  
19 “potential recipients” includes all persons in a family where  
20 current social, economic, and health conditions of the family  
21 indicate that the family would likely become a recipient of  
22 financial assistance within the next five years.

23 (b) Family planning services shall ~~include, but not be limited~~  
24 ~~to: be identical to those required pursuant to the Family~~  
25 ~~Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Waiver~~  
26 ~~Program described in paragraph (8) of subdivision (aa) of~~  
27 ~~Section 14132.~~

28 ~~(1) Medical treatment and procedures defined as family~~  
29 ~~planning services under the published Medi-Cal scope of~~  
30 ~~benefits.~~

31 ~~(2) Medical contraceptive services such as diagnosis,~~  
32 ~~treatment, supplies, and followup.~~

33 ~~(3) Informational and educational services.~~

34 ~~(4) Facilitating services such as transportation and child care~~  
35 ~~services needed to attend clinic or other appointments.~~

36 ~~(5) Screening for chlamydia.~~

37 (c) To the extent ~~the services under this section that~~  
38 ~~facilitating services, such as transportation and child care~~  
39 ~~services, needed to attend clinic or other appointments~~ are not  
40 available under the Medi-Cal program, they shall be provided by



1 a grantee pursuant to a grant awarded by the Office of Family  
2 Planning. These grants shall include to the maximum extent  
3 possible, cooperative funding and other financial arrangements  
4 that permit maximum use of available federal funds. All grants  
5 awarded by the Office of Family Planning shall be exempt from  
6 Division 2 (commencing with Section 1100) of the Public  
7 Contract Code. Information and referral services only shall be  
8 available to all other families and children.

9 (d) As the single state agency responsible for the state plan  
10 under Title XX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec.  
11 1397 et seq.), the State Department of Social Services may  
12 provide family planning services pursuant to a purchase of  
13 services agreement with the department from funds appropriated  
14 for those services. The agreement shall authorize the Office of  
15 Family Planning to implement a sliding fee schedule for family  
16 planning services provided to clients pursuant to Title XX of the  
17 federal Social Security Act in accordance with Section 14501.5.